

Remarks

Claims 16-21 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 16-21 are being incorporated into U. S. Patent Application No. 10/801,937 which has pending claims reciting several elements in common with claims 16-21. In addition, new claims 22-29 originally filed in U. S. Patent Application No. 10/802,539 are incorporated herein. Also, new claims 30-44 originally filed in U. S. Patent Application No. 10/801,937 have been incorporated herein. In the application from which they originated, the claims corresponding to new claims 22-29 and 30-34 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

With the present Amendment and remarks, applicants hope to remove possible grounds for obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

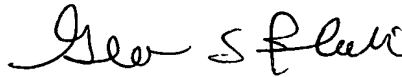
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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